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For : COLOR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH A REMOVABLE AND INCLINED INTERMEDIATE TRANSFER BODY UNIT (As Amended)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 28, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on September 28, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 11 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this Response.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23.